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FROM:

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AS REQUESTED IN MAKTO 1. THERE FOLLOWS A DRAFT STUDY DIRECTIVE ON PORTUGAL.

BEGIN TEXT!

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR PORTUGAL

THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED THAT. IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY
THAT A LEFTIST GOVERNMENT MIGHT COME TO POWER IN PORTUGAL.

A STUDY BE CONDUCTED OF STEPS WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS.

THE STUDY SHOULD DRAW AS APPROPRIATE ON THE FORMAT AND SUBSTANCE OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FORWARDED TO THE WASHINGTON SPECIAL ACTIONS GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1974, BUT SHOULD CONTAIN A DETAILED INTELLIGENCE AND POLITICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION, AND PROJECT THE TRENDS THROUGH WHICH LEFTIST OR COMMUNIST FORCES WOULD COME TO DOMINATE OTHER POLITICAL FORCES IN PORTUGAL.

THE STUDY SHOULD THEN CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF SUCH TRENDS ON OUR INTERESTS, INCLUDING U.S. BILATERAL, NATO, ACCESS TO AZORES BASES AND THE VESTERN ORIENTATION OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN POLICY, AND DESCRIBE THE OPTIONS OPEN TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS. THE OPTIONS SHOULD CONTAIN DETAILED AND SPECIFIC STEPS FOR EACH OF THE CONTINGENCIES AND PROVIDE FOR INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION WITH FRIENDLY STATES, ESPECIALLY SPAIN.

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THE STUDY SHOULD BE PREPARED ON A CLOSE-HOLD BASIS BY AN REC AD HOC GROUP COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ADDRESSES AND THE NEG STAFF. AND CHAIRED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE STUDY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PRESIDENT NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 19. 1974.

HENRY A. KISSINGER

end text.

SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL. I WILL ISSUE IT AND EXPEDITE ITS COMPLETION. WARM REGARDS. Ø377